

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
October 12, 2015

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Trace Frost, DSO; Del Yaroch, Chairman, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Corey Foster, WISDOT BOTS, Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam Police Department, Dave Beal, Juneau Police Department, Randy Kind, Wisconsin State Patrol, Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam Fire Department, Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D. Also present were Chad Enright, DSO, Russ Saunders, Horicon P.D., Mary Wendall, Karen Gibson and Eugene Goodearle.

Members absent: none.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Del at 9:30 am.
- II The minutes from July 13, 2015 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Christian and second by Beal.
- III. There were eight fatal crash in the third quarter and 9 YTD. The committee reviewed the videos of all crash locations, except the motorcycle/deer crash.
 - A. . Southbound vehicle on USH 151 was in passing lane slowing to make a left turn in a legal driveway median crossover and was struck from behind. Driver of southbound vehicle died of his injuries. No road, weather or vehicle factors. Inattentive driving was a factor.
 - B. Semi driver with water tanker northbound on I41 turned left in median crossover and tractor became stuck in the far southbound shoulder with tanker across both southbound lanes. Southbound semi struck tanker and that driver died. The crash occurred at 2:12 a.m. in the construction zone. Investigation continues.
 - C. Eastbound vehicle on Morningside Road east of CTH R left road, vaulted on a driveway and two occupants were ejected. Driver died. Speed and alcohol are believed to be factors.
 - D. Southbound motorcycle driver on STH 73 struck a deer and was ejected and died.
 - E. Single-occupant vehicle westbound on CTH E west of Horicon left road onto right shoulder, overcorrected and crossed road and left the road and struck a tree. Driver died. Speed and alcohol are believed to be factors.
 - F. Southbound vehicle on CTH A went left of center striking a northbound vehicle in northbound shoulder. Northbound driver died. Investigation continues.
 - G. Driver entering USH 151 southbound at Oakwood Lane or making a U-turn at the intersection was struck by a full-size RV pulling a trailer. The turning vehicle's driver died. Driver error was a factor.
 - H. Northbound driver on CTH G completely crossed into the southbound ditch striking and killing a pedestrian. Driver was impaired and the investigation continues.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. STH 33 and CTH P intersection. Ryan stated the roundabout has been approved for 2019 construction and showed a preliminary plan. Until then, the intersection will be converted to a 4-way STOP in early November. Special attention for advanced warning signs on the eastbound approach will be included. Also, rumble strips and flashing beacons will be added.
 - B. STH 26 speed limit review—this item was tabled due to the pending Local Official/Elected Official/DOT meeting scheduled for 10/13/15.

- C. Mary Wendall was present to provide details of her May 2015 crash at USH 151 and CTH DE. She was southbound on USH 151 when cross traffic did not stop at the median crossover and struck her at speed. She rolled 3 times. Discussion took place on median widths, traffic control and sight distances. Mary asked for any improvements that could be done. The conversion from expressway to freeway is 15-20 years away, so these at-grade crossings will remain until then. Ryan will review all possible improvements. Matt reiterated that serious crashes with multiple injuries have occurred here.
- D. Russ Saunders provided a letter from Chief Adamson, Horicon PD, requesting speed reduction on STH 33 westbound into the city. Multiple issues including neighboring businesses, school traffic, school crossing, curve and hill were discussed. Ryan stated the pending signage improvements should be done soon. He will also look to eliminate one of the speed zones to provide clear direction to drivers. The speed zone changes may be done with the signage improvements.

V. New Business

- A. CTH A and CTH W—4-way STOP request. The committee reviewed a petition to install a 4-way STOP at this intersection due to a recent crash. It was stated that the deceased had a medical issue and was dead prior to entering the intersection and being struck. Pete stated that 4-way stops are most warranted where traffic volume on each road is roughly equal. Here, traffic on CTH A is about double that of CTH W and thus not a good candidate. Pete will run a crash history (subsequent to the meeting, Ryan stated he had run this history and Pete did have it in an email—There were 10 crashes from 2010 to July, 2015—roughly 2 crashes/year. Most were failure to yield.) Karen Gibson, resident of CTH W east of the intersection spoke against a 4-way stop. Pete will review if Advanced Intersection warning signs would be warranted. The general consensus of the committee was not to install 4-way STOPs.
- B. Reports
 - a. BOTS. Corey stated there have been 437 fatalities thus far statewide in 2015. This compares to 380 last year at this time. He offered to help all law enforcement entities write a grant for speed, OWI or seat belt enforcement. He stated task force grants do not have to be location or time restricted. Chad Enright said he will be coordinating the grants at DSO and will be able to expand them now that he has gained experience.
 - b. DOT—Ryan stated the STH 26 project at STH 16/60 should be completed this week Thursday.
 - c. County—Pete stated the CTH C (CTHA-Jersey Road) paving is being done this week and the road should be open by end of October.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:44 am.
Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at January 11, 2016 meeting
Pete Thompson